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Sixth Grader's View Of Teachers Draws Laughs

Editor's note: Teachers have a lot to say about students. But what do students have to say about teachers? An essay by Renold B. Jones, sixth grade student at Flavian elementary school, will probably go down in history as the ultimate word on the subject. Teachers who have read it are still laughing—and blushing. First to do so was Jones' teacher Bill Boyd.

Teachers

My Opinion of Teachers

My opinion of teachers depends upon the teacher. If I have a pleasant teacher I like it. If I have a teacher who, every afternoon, gives me about umpteen million books to work on, I'll hate it. But my opinion of teachers on the whole is that they have a job to do, and they do it.

Different Kinds of Teachers

The strict teacher is the type that makes you write a million word essay every time you sneeze. Some of them can be softened up by good behavior. Others wouldn't let up if you acted like Emily Post. All I can say to you if you have one of these is, "I'll send you flowers."

The casual teacher is the type that doesn't give a hoot if you finish your work or not. He may just write "WORK" on the board, then sit down with a murder mystery and an apple until school's out.

The friendly teacher is a real odd character. He is always asking you about your family, and just anything that may be troubling you. Now sometimes this can be okay, but other times it can get ridiculous.

A typical embarrassing line might be like this "dum-dee-dee-dee". "Oh: John, ole boy, I didn't notice you. How have things been going with you? Any troubles? Your Mom? Your Dad? Are you sure nothing's wrong? You are? That's good; I want to get to know you, my boy; Yessir, I don't want anything to trouble my students!"

See what I mean? These guys can be as bad as an overjoyous Cocker Spaniel.

Different Methods

The strict method is the worst of all methods. This method is used by teachers who "won't tolerate nonsense" which could be anything from winding your watch to sharpening your pencil. This method is very unfair. If you tie your shoe, you get a hundred word essay. If you want to be teacher's pet and not have these troubles, you'll have to work yourself crazy first.

"Work is like a game." This is just a clever maneuver to get you to work hard.

Here's how it works: The teacher draws a 32 Square tic-tac-toe game on the board. You don't get it. He says, "Let's turn to page 21 of the book!" You're getting more confused. He says, "Now let's play a little game," and starts filling in the squares with numbers. Now you're completely lost. Then he says, "Now everyone copy the words in this game on a piece of paper!" "Oh! I see," you think to yourself. So you start copying. Finally you finish.

Then the awful truth comes to your mind! This is Spelling! Ahhh! So that's the game, eh? I'll fix him! Then you start to erase the letters and play tic-tac-toe on your paper. Then you hand it in.

It comes back to you with this on it: "Your SPELLING is very poor!" I will expect an essay on games after school. You can't win.

My Favorite Method

My favorite type is the combination of casual and strict teacher.

Park Band Concerts Under Study Here

A proposal that the city sponsor a program of summer band concerts at Torrance Park bandshell is under consideration by city officials.

James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, explained that the cost of hiring a 60-piece aggregation of professional performers would be shared by the Musicians Mutual Protective Assn.

Total cost to the city for the Municipal Band" or similar title, 12 two-hour Sunday concerts would be \$6,640, Van Dyck estimated.

He said local professional musicians would be given preference in organizing a band for the events.

The proposed program is similar to those organized by Los Angeles, Long Beach and other area cities in cooperation with the musician's group, Van Dyck pointed out in a discussion with the City Recreation Commission.

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